

**U.S. Embassy Dakar, Senegal**  
**April 22, 2011**  
**Warden Message**

**Possible Fuel Shortages Due to Labor Strike**

This Warden Message alerts U.S. citizens to possible fuel shortages next week in Senegal.

The Senegalese Fuel Transport Workers Union is planning a labor strike on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011. If the strike happens as planned, no fuel will be delivered to service stations on those dates and gasoline supplies may become scarce or unavailable. Even after the strike ends, fuel shortages should be expected to continue for several days.

The Embassy recommends that U.S. citizens fill their vehicles with fuel as early as possible this weekend and keep them full in anticipation of expected fuel shortages. Mission personnel are being advised to do the same.

You can stay in touch and get Embassy updates by checking the U.S. Embassy Dakar website (<http://dakar.usembassy.gov/>). You can also get global updates at the U.S. Department of State's, Bureau of Consular Affairs website where you can find the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information ([http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis/cis\\_1013.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1013.html)). If you don't have internet access, we have a call center for updates--1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the U.S. and Canada, or outside the U.S. and Canada on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except federal holidays).

If you are going to live in or travel to Senegal, please take the time to tell us about your trip by enrolling in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP - <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/>). If you enroll, we can keep you up to date with important safety and security announcements. It will also help your friends and family get in touch with you in an emergency. You should remember to keep all of your information in STEP up to date. It is important during enrollment or updating of information to include your current phone number and current email address where you can be reached in case of an emergency.

The U.S. Embassy in Dakar is located on at Avenue Jean XXIII, Dakar; the mailing address is B.P. 49, Dakar, Senegal. If you have questions or concerns about safety or related issues, you are encouraged to contact the consular section at

the Embassy by sending an email message to [consulardakar@state.gov](mailto:consulardakar@state.gov) . The Embassy telephone number is (221) 33 829-2100.

For after-hours emergencies, U.S. citizens should call (221) 33-829-2109 and ask to speak with the duty officer.